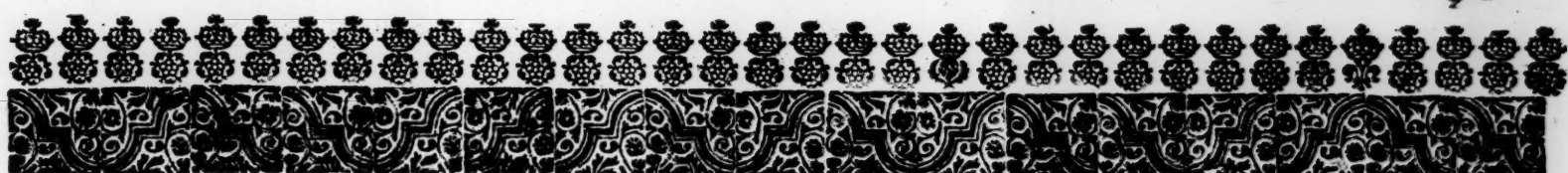


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Die Sabbathi, 1. Novembr. 1645.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for Compositions for VVardships in the Court of VVards and Liveries, and for Signing of Bills, and passing of them under the Great Seal.



Whereas divers Compositions have been heretofore made by sundry persons, with the Master and Councill of His Majesties Court of wards and Liveries at Westminster, for the Wardships of the Bodies of divers of His Majesties Wards; upon some of which Compositions, considerable Sums of money have been already paid, and others are to be paid; But in regard the Grants of the said Wardships are to passe under the great Seal, by Bill Signed by His Majesty, which in these times of distraction cannot be obtained; By means whereof, the said persons who have already so compounded and paid their said moneys, are without the fruit of their said Compositions, And also aswell those which have compounded and have not yet paid, as others which are prepared to compound for severall Wardships, are for the reasons aforesaid, discouraged to make their severall Compositions and payments with the said Master and Councill: The Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, do therefore hereby Ordain and Declare, That all and every such Bill or Bills as hereafter shall be Signed by the Master and Clerk of the said Court of Wards and Liveries for the time being, notwithstanding their not being Signed by His Majesty, shall be passed under the great Seal in form usuall. And the Commissioners of the said great Seal for the time being, are hereby required and Authorized to passe Letters Patents in form usuall from time to time under the said great Seal unto the severall Committees, or Grantees of the Mariages of the said respective Wards, according to the tenour and effect of the said Bills so Signed as aforesaid: And this Ordinance shall be their sufficient Warrant in that behalf; which Letters Patents so passed, shall be effectuell in Law, according to the tenour thereof, the not Signing thereof by His Majesty notwithstanding. And it is also Ordained by the Lords and Commons aforesaid, That the Master and Councill of the said Court, shall proceed in all things belonging to the Jurisdiction of that Court according to Law.

Io: Brown, Cleric.
Parliamentorum.

H: Elsynge, Cler.
Parl. D. Com.